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Compilation of Special Area Report

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To furnish information on points outlined
in memorandum from AD/PC to AD/RR,
dated 21 November.

Memorandum

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Date: 5 April 1950

To: D/NE

From: Publications Division, Projects Planning

Subject: Radio station in Istanbul

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Origin: Internal (K-1524)

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1. ~~Broadcasting~~ - Turkey

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4 April 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: D/Pub, ORE
ATTENTION : Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A
SUBJECT : Radio Station in Istanbul
REFERENCE : Our Case #K-1524

1. This office has an urgent requirement for all data available in your office concerning the 150 KW Station, unused, that the Turks had in Istanbul.

2. Your earliest consideration ~~of~~ this request will be appreciated.

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[REDACTED]
Acting Chief, Intelligence Support

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Mr. [REDACTED] Acting Chief,
Intelligence Support, OPC

6 April 1950

Radio Station in Istanbul 25X1A 25X1A

Reference: Oral request by Mr. [REDACTED] ORE, re Memo, dated 4 April 1950,
to D/Pub, from [REDACTED] Acting Chief, Intelligence Support.

1. The construction of the new broadcasting building, radio tower, and various installations of Radio Istanbul was completed in 1949 by Radio Corporation of America, Inc., under the supervision of Paul C. Brown, RCA representative in the area, and Christopher Horwood.

The new building ("Istanbul Radio House") is located in the Istanbul suburb of Pangalti on the hills on the north shore of the Bosphorus. The official opening was on 19 November 1949. There are eight broadcasting studios built with modern sound diffusion facilities. The concert stage is large enough for a symphony orchestra and seats an audience of two hundred. The new transmitter mast is located about five miles distant, south of the Bosphorus, and near Uskudar (Scutari.)

This 150 KW station broadcasts on a medium wave length of 426 meters (704 kilocycles) and, reportedly, reception is satisfactory almost everywhere in Turkey. Good reception is also reported from distant parts of Western Europe and countries bordering the Mediterranean. Programs at first consisted principally of music and were restricted to a few hours daily. On 1 April 1950 a daily news broadcast was added to the program.

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(Note: Radio Ankara, the only other broadcasting station in Turkey, broadcasts on 1648 meters - long wave - 120 KW, and 31.7 and 19.0 meters - short wave - 20 KW. The 31.7 meter band will probably be out of use for the summer months. Radio Ankara broadcasts in 13 foreign languages by shortwave. This may be increased to 18 languages if, in a few months as planned, a new shortwave directional transmitter at about 7 meters -- as authorized last year at the international conference at Mexico City -- commences operations. Jamming of some of these foreign language broadcasts has been reported, particularly in Bulgaria, although the Turks have claimed that they still succeed in reaching a receptive audience in that country.)

2. Apparently, and I think it is probably true so far, Radio Istanbul does not yet broadcast in foreign languages. Aiming even at Balkan audiences apparently continues to be confined to the Ankara station -- which, incidentally is also being given a thorough going-over and modernization (although it is a fairly modern station already) by the British: Marconi Wireless Co. is doing the job, through their Turkish agents, G. and A. Baker, Ltd.

3. The organizational setup is as follows: all broadcasting (apart, of course, from commercial radio-telephony) is controlled by the Directorate-General of Press, Publications, and Tourism, which is a branch of the Prime Ministry, functionally, although separate budget appropriations are made for it each year. (If

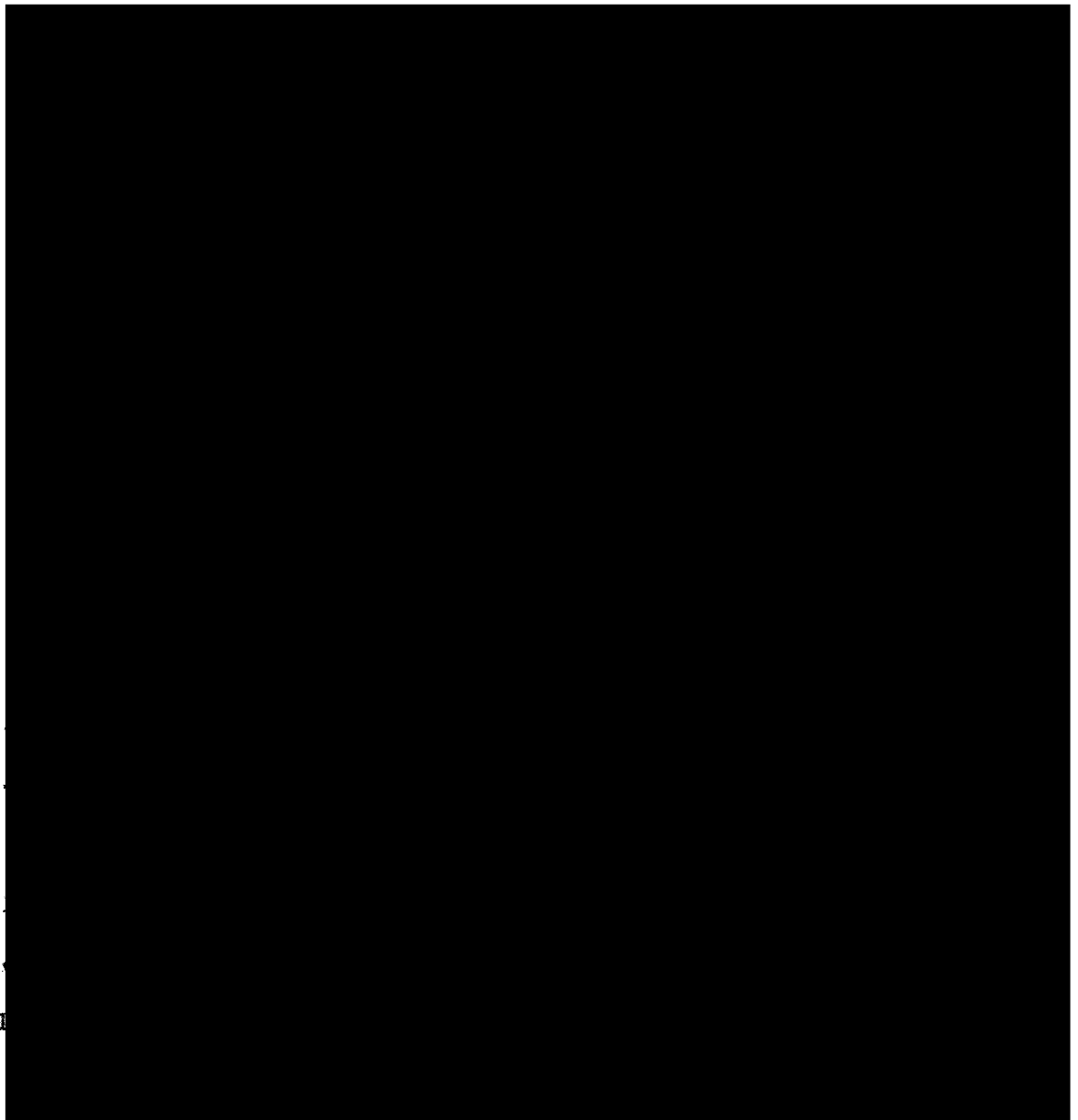
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they're wanted, I can supply the figures.) Policy is laid down by the Turkish Cabinet, under the advice of the Director-General of the bureau. The incumbent is Dr. Ahmet Şükrü Esmer. Under him as director of Radio Istanbul is Hasan Refik Ertug.

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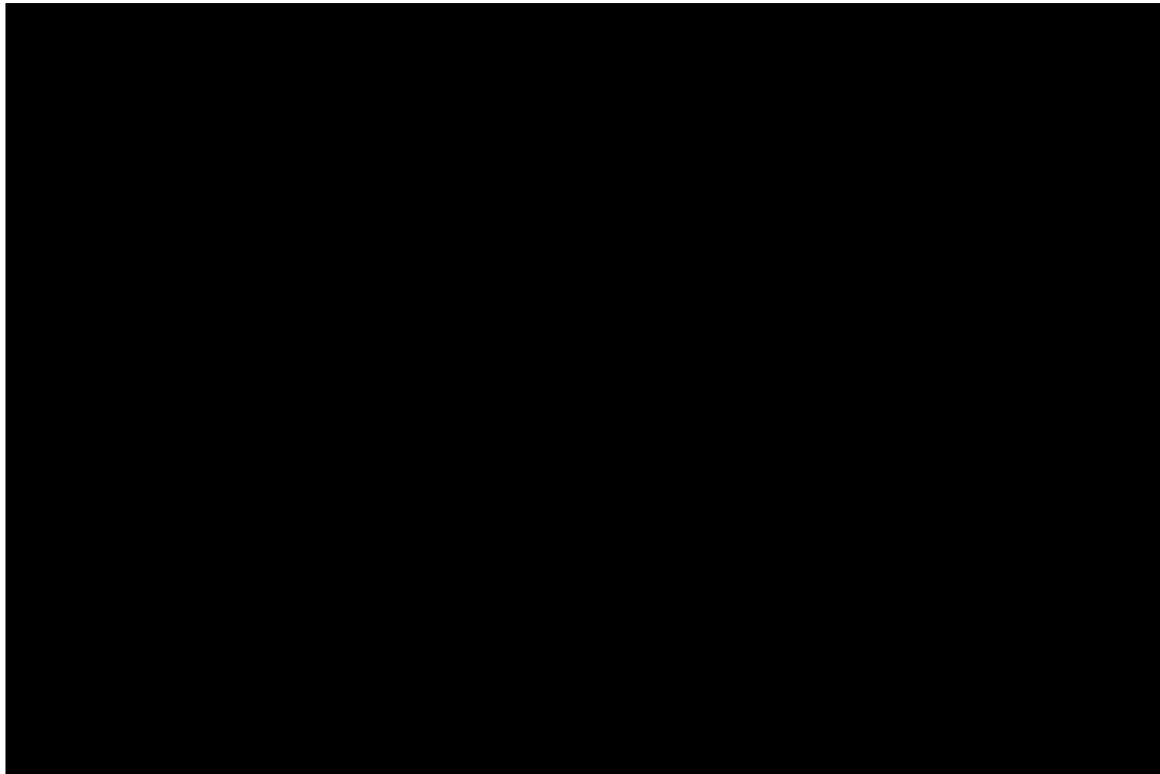


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5. About technical details; more may be available in Washington, but my source for that sort of think is off on leave until Monday. I can tackle him then, if desired. Hope the foregoing will do for immediate needs.

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